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I read in the **local paper** that a new public library had just opened two weeks ago in my neighborhood. I wanted to **check it out**. But first, I called the library to check the **hours of operation**. The **librarian** told me that they were open Monday through Saturday from 10 to 6 so I decided to **see the new library for myself**.

I parked my car in the library parking lot and walked in. There were two **library clerks** behind the counter and a librarian at the **reference desk**. I walked around and spotted the **non-fiction** section and moved onto the **fiction stacks**. There was a pretty good **collection** in both of these areas. I wanted to see if they had a book I've been wanting to read so I went over to the computer to check the online **catalogue**. As it turns out, they had one **copy** and it had not been **checked out**. I wrote down the **call number** and went to the stacks. I found it **right away**.

When I walked in, I also noticed that the library had music CDs, videos, and DVDs that could be checked out. I looked briefly at the collection but decided not to check out any **right then**.

I had my book and I was all set. I stood in line and waited to check my book out. The library clerk said, "**Next please**," and I **stepped up to the counter**. I asked her what the loan period was for the book. She told me that the **due date** was **three weeks from today**. I gave her my **library card**. She **scanned the bar code** on my book and **stamped** the due date on the back of it. It was **quick and easy**. I was so glad to have a nice new library so close to home.